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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please amend claim 26 and add claims 27-40 as follows:

26. (AMENDED) A modified triacylglycerol stock produced by a process comprising the steps of:

forming a mixture including the triacylglycerol stock and a basic catalyst,
reacting the mixture to form a partial interesterification product; and
determining an absorbance of the reacting mixture at one or more selected wavelengths between about 300-500 nm.

27. (NEW) The modified triacylglycerol stock of claim 26 wherein the basic catalyst comprises alkali metal alkoxide, alkali metal, alkali metal alloy, or alkali metal hydroxide.

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